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SUBJECT: ANOTHER CGT-CFDT RALLY

1. CGT-CFDT ARE PROCEEDING WITH PLANS TO STAGE A RALLY IN PARIS ON SATURDAY, 4 OCTOBER, ON THE THEME OF "YOUTH'S RIGHT TO A JOB AND A TRADE." THIS HAD BEEN DECIDED BEFORE THE EXECUTIONS IN SPAIN AND HAD BEEN BILLED AS A MAJOR OFFENSIVE TO DEMONSTRATE PEOPLE'S DISCONTENT WITH GOF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICIES WHICH ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DIFFICULTIES YOUNG MARKET ENTRANTS ARE FACING AS THEY LOOK FOR JOBS. FORTY PERCENT OF REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED ARE UNDER 25.
THE ANTI-FRANCO OUTCRY OF THE LAST FEW DAYS WILL UN-DOUBTEDLY PROVIDE ADDITIONAI THEMES FOR ANTI-GOF SLOGANS AND WILL HELP RAISE THE MARCHERS' TEMPERATURE.
CGT IS ESPECIALLY SET TO EXPLOIT GENUINE ANTI-FASCIST FEELINGS OF FRENCH PEOPLE AND TO GET MAXIMUM MILEAGE OUT OF THE REVULSION OF THE YOUNG AGAINST THE
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2. THE ORGANIZERS ARE PLANNING TO CASH IN ON THE MAJOR ATTRACTION WHICH THE PARIS AUTOMOBILE SHOW (OPENED TODAY) HOLDS FOR FRENCHMEN OF ALL AGES BY OFFERING FREE TRANSPORTATION TO PARIS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PARTICIPATING IN THE MARCH AND TACITLY TO VISIT THE SHOW. IN ADDITION TO GIVING THE RALLY A NATIONAL DIMENSION, THE TRANSPORT OF YOUTH FROM OUTSIDE PARIS WILL NEUTRALIZE THE RISK OF PARISIAN YOUTH FOLLOWING THEIR ELDERS' EXAMPLE OF REFUSING TO SACRIFICE THEIR WEEKEND FOR A RALLY.

3. IT IS THEREFORE EXPECTED THAT THE RALLY WILL BRING TOGETHER OVER 100,000 PARTICIPANTS WHO, HOWEVER, WILL BE UNDER THE USUAL EFFICIENT CONTROL OF THE CGT SECURITY SYSTEM. THERE IS NOTHING TO SUGGEST THAT THE CGT (AND THE PCF) ARE SEEKING A CONFRONTATION WITH THE REGIME OR THAT THEY HAVE ANY ILLUSIONS THAT NO MATTER HOW IMPRESSIVE THE MARCH MIGHT BE IN TERMS OF NUMBERS, IT ALONE CANNOT THREATEN GISCARD'S REGIME.

4. THERE IS ALWAYS THE POSSIBILITY IN SUCH MARCHES THAT UNRULY ELEMENTS WILL CAUSE INCIDENTS AND DAMAGES TO PRIVATE PROPERTY. W/ FEEL CONFIDENT THAT THE POLICE FORCES, ALERTED BY THE INCIDENTS OF LAST FEW DAYS, WILL BE PRESENT IN SUFFICIENT NUMBERS TO KEEP SITUATION WELL IN HAND.
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